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For:	COLORING COMPOSITION, INK	)		
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action (non-final rejection) issued on November 22, 2002, Applicants submit the following remarks.

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application identified in caption, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, claims 1-3, 5, and 8-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,025,412 (*Sacripante et al*) or U.S. Patent No. 6,031,019 (*Tsutsumi et al*), either of which in view of Japanese Patent Document No. 09-059552 (*JP '552*). Claims 1-5 and 8-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Sacripante et al* or *Tsutsumi et al*, either of which in view of Japanese Patent Document No. 03-231975 (*JP '975*). Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.